



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete renewal application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. NV0020451 from the following applicant:

**Storey County Public Works
Virginia City Wastewater Treatment Plant
P.O. Box 435
Virginia City, NV 89440**

The Permittee operates a 100,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment facility, which discharges secondary treated, chlorinated effluent into Six Mile Canyon Creek, ½ mile east of Virginia City. During dry weather, this creek is normally dry in the lower section as effluent flow from the treatment plant only influences the upper 1.5 mile reach. Effluent discharge from the treatment plant is dissipated in the creek bed due to percolation and vegetative uptake in the riparian corridor. Fish are not found in this creek due to the ephemeral nature of the creek and local climate. The Virginia City Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) serves a customer base of 500 residents and seasonal tourists.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue a NPDES permit for a five (5) year period, subject to certain limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at **5:00 P.M. on July 24, 2006**, either in person or by mail to:

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. on July 24, 2006** will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) comment period will be considered in the formulation of the final

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determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for the above facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.